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FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 8515

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: B.P. KOIRALA RELEASED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

1. THE PALACE PRESS SECRETARIAT LATE JUNE 8 RELEASED
THE FOLLOWING PRESS NOTICE. QUOTE
ON COMPLAINT OF ILL HEALTH BY MR. BISHWESAR PRASAD KOIRALA,
WHO IS BEING TRIED UNDER THE STATE OFFENSE ACT AND IS UNDER
ARREST FOR ALLEGEDLY INDULGING IN SEVERAL ACT'S OF VIOLENCE,
DOSTORS EXAMINED HIM AND REPORTED TO HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT
THAT HE SUFFERED FROM SYMPTOMS STRONGLY SUGGESTING NARROWING
OF THE LEFT CAROTID ARTERY WITH POSSIBLE CLOT FORMATION.
TREATMENT OF THIS POTENTIALLY SERIOUS CONDITION IS POSSIBLE
ONLY IN A FULLY EQUIPPED HOSPITAL. UPON REQUEST, HIS MAJESTY
THE KING GRANTED AUDIENCE TO MR. KOIRALA AND HAS GRACIOUSLY
GRANTED HIM PREMISSION TO TRAVEL ABROAD ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD
FOR THE NECESSARY MEDICAL TREATMEN, ALTHOUGH A CASE IS PENDING
AGAINST HIM. CHARGES AGAINST HIM STAND. END QUOTE.

2. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CALLED EMBASSY
MORNING OF JUNE 9 TO REQUEST THAT A VISA BE ISSUED KOIRALA
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SO THAT HE COULD UNDERGO MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE UNITED
STATES, PROBABLY AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. EMBASSY WILL PROCESS
VISA APPLICATION, AND KOIRALA WILL DEPART KATHMANDU FOR
NEW DELHI AT NOON JUNE 9.

3. ACCORDING TO INDIAN EMBASSY KOIRALA WILL REMAIN IN NEW
DELHI WHILE " EN ROUTE" TO US FOR TREATMENT. INDIAN EMBASSY

OFFICER PROFESSES TO HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION BUT HE,
AS WELL AND JOURNALISTS, BELIEVES KOIRALA IS IN FACT
SERIOUSLY ILL.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION AT THIS TIME.
ACCORDING TO RUMORS KOIRALA HAS BEEN SUFFERING CHEST PAINS
FOR LAST SEVERAL DAYS AND MEDICAL EXAMINATION JUNE 8 REVEALED
SERIOUS HEART PROBLEMS. GOVERNMENT DECIDED THAT IT COULD NOT
RISK CONSEQUENCES, BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC, SHOULD
KOIRALA DIE WHILE IN DETENTION AND KING ORDERED HIS IMMEDIATE
RELEASE FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT KOIRALA'S WIFE
WILL ACCOMPANY HIM TO US. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INFORMED US THAT ALL
EXPENSES INCLUDING THAT FOR TREATMENT, WILL BE BORNE BY HMG.
OBVIOUSLY
KOIRALA'S MEDICAL PROBLEMS, WHETHER REAL OR NOT, PROVIDE

GOVERNMENT PERFECT WAY OUT OF GROWING DILEMMA OF WHAT TO DO
WITH HIM.
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